

Mackinac Bridge March Traffic Report

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Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 245,427 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of March. This represents a 4.5 percent decrease when compared to the 256,872 crossings during March 2002. Fare revenue for the month was down 3.8 percent compared to last year, going from \$641,746 to \$617,334. Commercial traffic for the month of March was up 2.3 percent. Truck crossings were up 2.4 percent and bus crossings were down 0.3 percent.

Traffic for the first three months of 2003 is running 2.7 percent behind last year's pace; 701,962 vehicles versus 721,307 in 2002. Fare revenue in 2003 totals \$1,800,315 compared to \$1,822,897 last year, a decrease of 1.2 percent. Commercial traffic for the first three months of 2003 is up 1.3 percent over the same period of last year.